1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15	Nizamabad	482.68	468.40	6255	215.33	225.57	3069
16	Prakasam	463.73	430.43	7805	340.67	346.59	3689
17	Rangareddy	287.64	285.46	4203	199.66	187.20	2399
18	Srikakulam	436.29	406.67	6443	207.87	255.05	2203
19	Vishakhapatnam	439.97	422.26	7537	326.98	326.98	6327
20	Vizianagaram	388.90	344.89	5313	258.76	251.38	3178
21	Warangal	487.70	474.24	8601	267.12	241.77	2284
22	West Godavari	481.53	473.27	6626	307.95	297.23	3353
	TOTAL:	1126832	10044.0	165190	7149.3	7082.3	83084

Setting up of 14 lakh self-help groups for improving land and natural resources in villages

3309. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up 14 lakh self-help groups for improving the land and natural resources in the villages across the country within three years;

(b) if so, the details of the plan;

(c) how the plan will be implemented; and

(d) the funds to be provided for implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) In the National Conference on the Self-Help Group (SHG) movement and the Swaranajayanti Gram Swarojzar Yojana (SGSY) held on 23rd and 24th June, 2001 at the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad, it was resolved to form at least one self-help group in each habitation by 2004. There are about 14 lakh rural habitations in the country at present. Through the SHGs, it is envisaged to organize the rural poor, build their capacity, make them self confident, give them a voice, motivate them for sustainable self-employment based on local needs and resources and improve their quality of life.

(b) and (c) This is to be achieved by the year 2004. The States and UTs have been requested to chalk out the strategy to achieve the target.

(d) The funds will be provided on the basis of annual budgetary provision.